

Budget Unit: Animal Agriculture Compliance Fund

BU Number: 54200000473

Background

During the 2002 Legislative Session, the General Assembly enacted [SF 2293](#) (Animal Agriculture Act) that revised the procedures for permitting and regulating animal feeding operations by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The legislation created an Animal Agriculture Compliance Fund that is divided into three accounts:

- General Account – includes money appropriated by the General Assembly and federal funds. Fees that are collected and deposited in this account include:
 - Construction permit application fee. This is a one-time fee of \$250 that is required prior to constructing an animal feeding operation. The construction permit application and application fee is submitted to the DNR for approval.
 - Manure management plan filing fee. This is a one-time fee of \$250 that is paid when the animal feeding operation submits the original manure management plan to the DNR for approval.
- Assessment Account – includes an annual compliance fee that is based on the number of animal units in the animal feeding operation detailed in the manure management plan. The compliance fee is paid to the DNR and cannot exceed the rate of 15 cents per animal unit.
- Educational Program Account – includes money collected from a business or individual that collects a fee for transporting, handling, storing, or applying manure and includes the following:
 - Commercial Manure Service (CMS) business license. A CMS is a business, sole proprietor, or business association that transports, handles, stores, or applies manure for a fee. A CMS must be licensed and pay an annual business license fee of \$200 by March 1. This annual license includes the certification fee for the business manager. A business manager also pays an annual education fee of \$25.
 - Commercial Manure Service Representative (CMSR) is a manager, employee, agent or contractor of a CMS. This person, transports, handles, stores, or applies manure on behalf of the business. A CMSR pays an annual certification fee of \$75 and an annual education fee of \$25.
 - Confinement Site Manure Applicator is person that applies manure on land that originates from a manure storage structure that is located on a confinement feeding operation site. A confinement feeding operation site has animals that are confined to roofed areas. The Confinement Site Manure Applicator pays a three-year certification fee of \$100 and annual education fee of \$25.

Funding

The Animal Agriculture Compliance Fund receives fees from the activities listed above. Although the amount of fees received varies from year to year, the 10-year average annual fee income received is \$1.4 million. The money is used for administration and enforcement of animal feeding operations.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code Chapter [459.400](#)

Iowa Administrative Code: Environmental Protection Commission 567 – [Chapter 65](#)

More Information

Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Animal Feeding Operations Rules:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/LandStewardship/AnimalFeedingOperations/AFORulesRegulations.aspx>

Iowa General Assembly: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov/index.aspx>

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